

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TAIPEI 07241 061006Z

12

ACTION SCS-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 L-02 EUR-12 /028 W

----- 103930

R 060912Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3632

UNCLAS TAIPEI 7241

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, UK, TW (ROBLEH, AHMED HUSSAIN)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN CASE OF BRITISH SEAMAN AHMED  
HUSSAIN ROBLEH

REF : A) LONDON 13274 B) TAIPEI 5603

1. SUBJECT WAS SEAMAN ON M.V. LUTETIA DOCKED AT KEELUNG, TAIWAN. ON DECEMBER 2, 1973, SUBJECT ATTACKED AND BADLY INJURED ANOTHER MEMBER OF CREW WITH A KNIFE AFTER VICTIM ALLEGEDLY REFERRED TO SUBJECT AS "HOMOSEXUAL". SUBJECT WAS TRIED BY KEELUNG DISTRICT COURT AND SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT DECEMBER 31, 1973. CASE WAS APPEALED TO TAIWAN HIGH COURT WHICH MODIFIED VERDICT ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS BUT UPHELD ORIGINAL FIVE YEAR SENTENCE. SUBJECT DID NOT EXERCISE HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL TO CHINESE SUPREME COURT WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME SO NO FURTHER APPEAL OF CASE IS POSSIBLE.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER VISITED SUBJECT DECEMBER 6, AT TAIPEI PRISON, TAO YUAN, TAIWAN. HE APPEARED TO BE IN GENERALLY GOOD HEALTH BUT HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM PERSISTANT COLD. PRISON AUTHORITIES ASSURED US CONDITION NOT SERIOUS AND SUBJECT WOULD RECEIVE ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT. WITH EXCEPTION OF PRISON DIET WHICH IS QUITE PLAIN, CONDITIONS AT TAIPEI PRISON ARE VERY GOOD. SUBJECT HAD NO COMPLAINTS CONCERNING HIS TREATMENT.

3. UNDER CHINESE LAW, PRISONERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER SERVING ONE HALF OF THEIR SENTENCE. PAST EXPERIENCE  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TAIPEI 07241 061006Z

HAS BEEN THAT FOREIGN PRISONERS WHO HAVE GOOD PRISON RECORD

ARE PAROLED AND DEPORTED. POSSIBILITY THEREFORE EXISTS THAT SUBJECT MAY BE RELEASED ON PAROLE ON OR ABOUT JULY 1976, HOWEVER PAROLE IS NOT AUTOMATIC OR AN ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY.

4. SUBJECT IS NATIVE AND CITIZEN OF SOMALI. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE, MRS. A. H. ROBLEH, 64 PRINCESS ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH, TEESIDE, ENGLAND, U.K., ARE ILLITERATE. SUBJECT'S CELLMATE IS U.S. CITIZEN WHO ASSISTS IN WRITING AND READING LETTERS FOR HIM BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED FROM WIFE IN OVER FOUR MONTHS.

5. SUBJECT'S LAST EMPLOYER WAS OREGON STEAMSHIP CO. LTD., CREECHURCH HOUSE, CREECHURCH LANE, LONDON E. C. 3, ENGLAND. PLEASE CONTACT OREGON STEAMSHIP AND ADVISE US OF THE NAME OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THEIR AGENT IN TAIWAN WHOM WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE.

6. CONSULAR OFFICER WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT SUBJECT IN COURSE OF REGULAR PRISON VISITS. IF EMBASSY OR UK FCO ABLE TO CONTACT SUBJECT'S WIFE, WE ARE CERTAIN SUBJECT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING HER WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS.  
POPPLE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 06 DEC 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974TAIPEI07241  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740354-0651  
**From:** TAIPEI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741253/aaaabszs.tel  
**Line Count:** 84  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SCS  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A) LONDON 13274 B) TAIPEI 5603  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 OCT 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09 OCT 2002 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <28-Oct-2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN CASE OF BRITISH SEAMAN AHMED HUSSAIN ROBLEH  
**TAGS:** CPRS, UK, TW, (ROBLEH, AHMED HUSSAIN)  
**To:** LONDON  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005